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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to telephone interview of 9-27-06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3 and 6-9.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Patrick J. O'Shea on 9-27-06.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification

On page 2, of the 37 C.F.R. 1.312 amendment filed 9-8-06, in the amendment instruction "Applicants hereby amend the paragraph on page 5, beginning on line 2 of the specification as follows:", delete "5" and insert – 23 --; delete "2" and insert – 14 --; before the word "specification" insert --- substitute --; and after the word "specification" insert – filed 7-5-05 ---;

On page 3, of the 37 C.F.R. 1.312 amendment filed 9-8-06, in the amendment instruction "Applicants hereby amend the paragraph on page 10, beginning on line 3 and continuing on page 2 of the specification as follows:", delete "10" and insert – 28 --; delete "3" and insert – 13 --; delete "and continuing on page 2"; before the word "specification" insert --- substitute ---; and after the word "specification" insert – filed 7-5-05--;

On page 4, of the 37 C.F.R. 1.312 amendment filed 9-8-06, in the amendment instruction "Applicants hereby amend the paragraph on page 10, beginning on line 18 and continuing on page 4 of the specification as follows:", delete "10" and insert – 29 --; delete "18" and insert – 5 --; delete "and continuing on page 4"; before the word "specification" insert – substitute --; and after the word "specification" insert – filed 7-5-05 --;

On page 5, of the 37 C.F.R. 1.312 amendment filed 9-8-06, in the amendment instruction "Applicants hereby amend the paragraph on page 15, beginning on line 14 of the specification as follows:" delete "15" and insert – 33 --; delete "14" and insert – 17 --; before the word "specification" insert -- substitute --; and after the word "specification" insert – filed 7-5-05 --;

In the Drawings

2. Substitute the formal drawings of Figures 1 and 2 marked at top with "Replacement Sheet" for the formal drawings filed with the letter of 9-8-06.

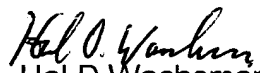
Examiner's Comments

3. The above Examiner's amendments were made per the Applicant's request in the telephone interview of 9-27-06 to correct the 37 C.F.R. 1.121 errors cited in the Response to Rule 312 Communication of 9-25-06 via Examiner's Amendment.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hal D. Wachsman whose telephone number is 571-272-

2225. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 7:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marc Hoff can be reached on 571-272-2216. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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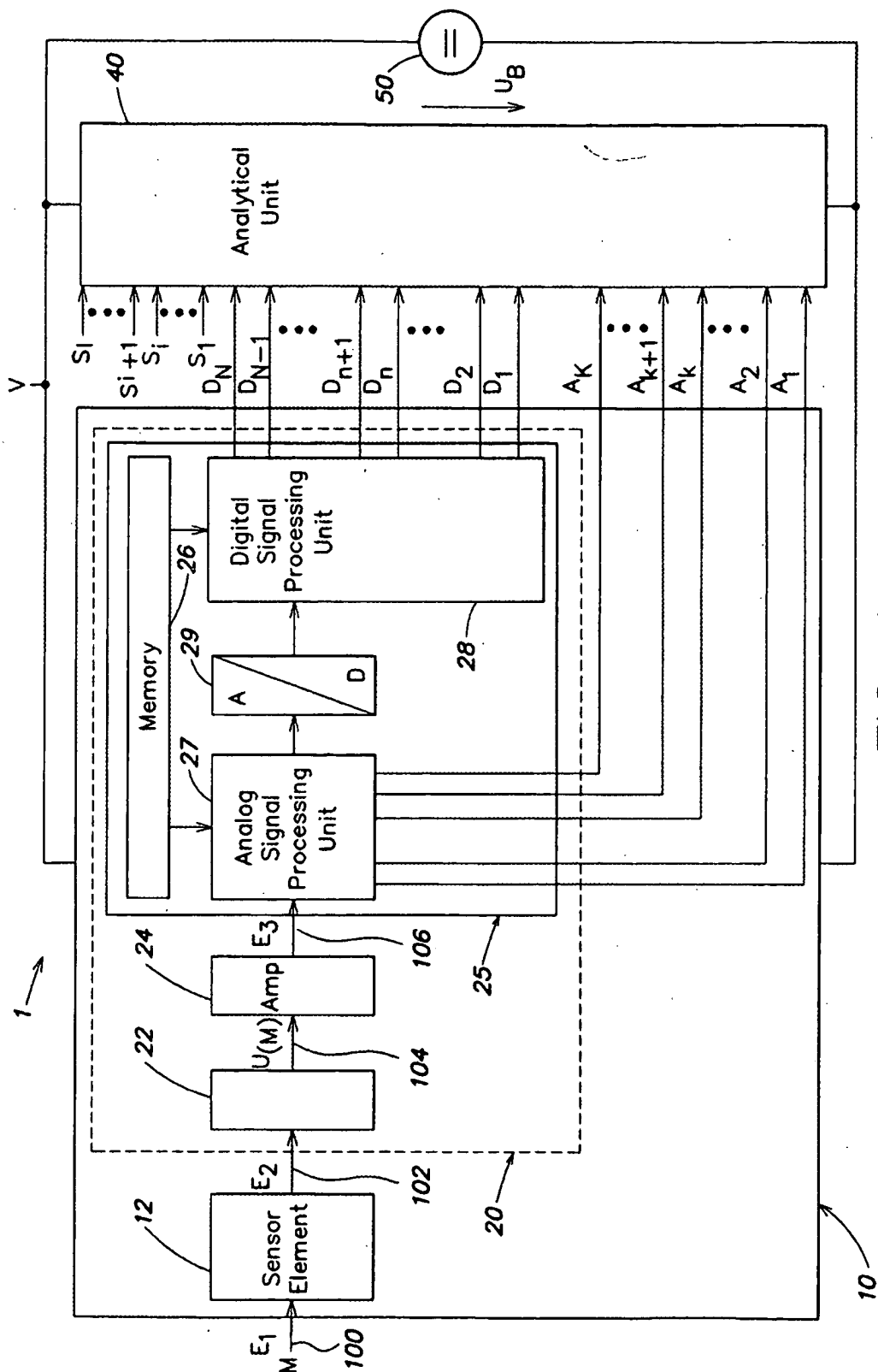


FIG. 1

Replacement Sheet

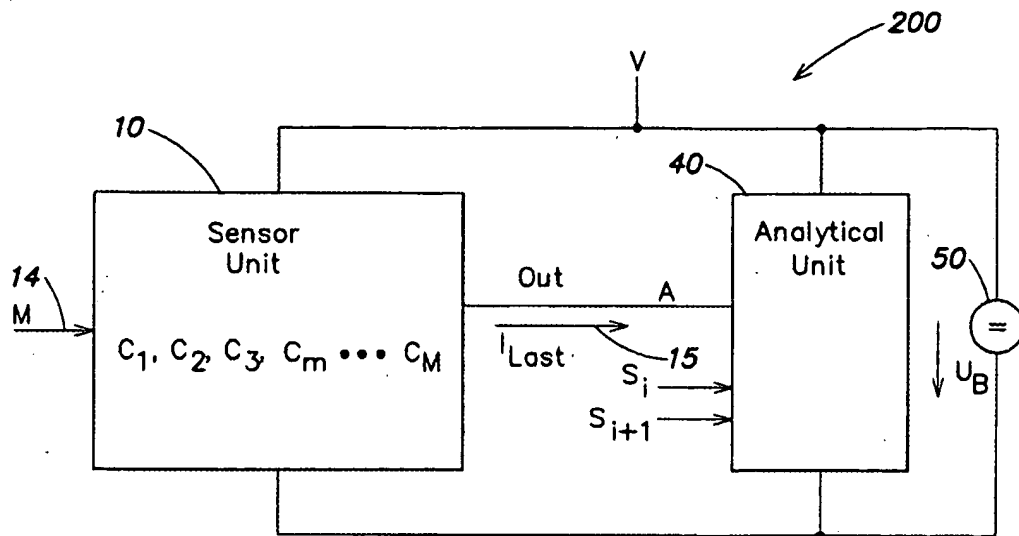


FIG. 2